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Few people can imagine the misery of an annually recurring depressive illness which dulls and even incapacitates mind, body and spirit for four to eight months of the year. But try to imagine living with the knowledge that the pleas-

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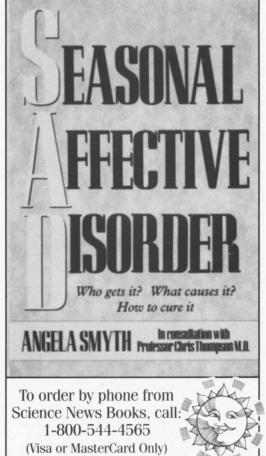
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This book, a pioneer in its field, has a vital role to play in alleviating the suffering of Seasonal Affective Disorder and it will alert the reader previously unaware of SAD to the devastation suffered by tens of thousands of people and their families as a result of this illness.

If you are one of the fortunate people who never have to endure a depressive illness, let this book increase your awareness and tolerance of those who suffer and help to create a less hostile world for us to live in.

> — Jennifer Eastwood SAD Association



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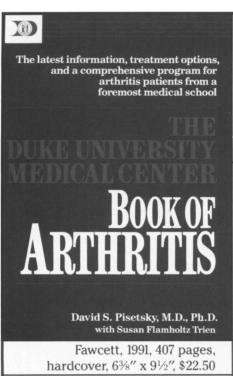
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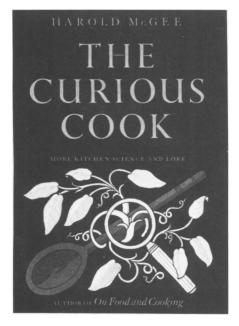
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Does searing meat really seal in the juices? And how do you keep tender meats from becoming tough by the end of a braise?

In this lighthearted and informative book, Harold McGee, author of On Food and Cooking, applies a scrupulous scientific method to his entertaining pursuit of culinary enlightenment. In the first of three sections, he experiments with traditional kitchen practices and the biochemical nature of various common foods, investigating the hows and whys of preparing jerusalem artichokes, guacamole, mayonnaise, persimmons and much more. In the second section, he addresses current dietary controversies surrounding heart disease, cancer and Alzheimer's disease, dispelling many time-honored myths and presenting a balanced outlook on diet and health.

McGee's final chapters cover historical attempts to understand cooking and eating as well as recent biological and chemical findings that offer a glimpse into the mysterious nature of gastronomical enjoyment. Packed with literary and historical anecdotes, this collection of browsable kitchen lore is bound to interest both active and armchair chefs.



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